

LGIRS Liquor Licensing Performance Report

June Quarter 2026

Scope and coverage

This report presents information on liquor licensing application timeframes in Western Australia for the June 2026 quarter. It outlines the total time taken to finalise applications for nine of the 14 permanent liquor licence types, and approved manager applications (new and renewals) administered by the Director of Liquor Licensing.

Licence types not included make up a small share of total applications and/or have unique characteristics that are difficult to report in standard timeframes. Coverage to include additional licence types may expand in future reports as data quality and reporting capabilities improve.

April - June 2026

The June quarter is the second release of performance information and provides the first opportunity to identify emerging trends in application volumes and processing times for licensing applications in the liquor industry.

During the June quarter of 2026, the following applications were determined:

- 68 permanent liquor licences; and
- 1,429 approved manager (new and renewals)

Restaurant and Small Bar applications recorded improved processing times, with a greater proportion completed within target timeframes.

The number of Approved Manager renewal applications lodged during the quarter increased significantly with average processing times also improving, demonstrating the ability to maintain delivery standards under increased demand for services.

In contrast, Tavern and Tavern Restricted applications recorded longer average processing times during the quarter.

Overall, results show positive performance across several application categories compared with the March quarter. While some categories improved, others recorded longer processing times than in the previous reporting period.

In some cases, this may reflect the finalisation of older and more complex applications, which can influence quarterly averages despite improvements in timeliness. Application types with lower volumes are also more susceptible to quarter-on-quarter fluctuations, where a small number of complex matters can significantly affect overall results.

During the reporting period, Liquor Licensing continued preparations for amendments to the *Liquor Control Act 1988* that commenced on 1 July 2026. This work included updates to policies and procedures, together with staff training and support to prepare for implementation. Additional work was also undertaken to support the continued establishment of LGIRS and promote consistent practices across licensing teams.

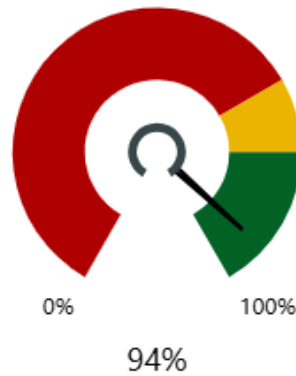
Liquor Licensing remains committed to improving transparency and service delivery through regular performance reporting. As additional quarterly data becomes available, emerging trends will become clearer and provide greater insight into the impact of improvements to licensing processes, legislative reforms and changing application volumes on licensing services across Western Australia.

LGIRS was formed on 1 July 2025. Prior to this date, the activities reported on were undertaken by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Restaurant

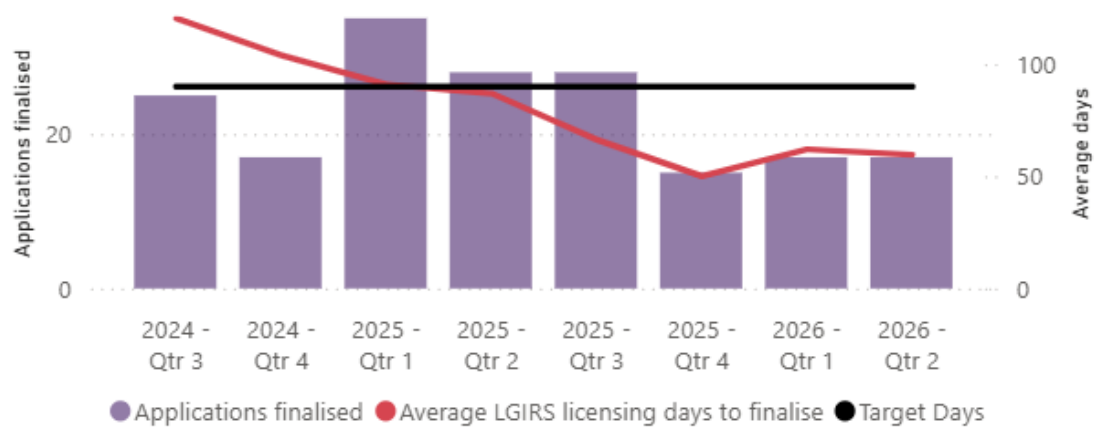
Per cent finalised within target timeline

Target 90 BD



Average 60 business days total

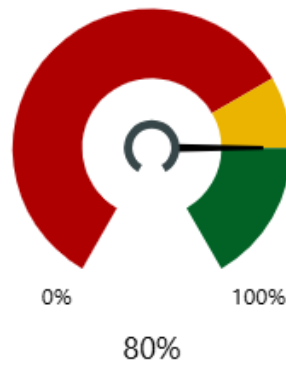
Trends for finalised applications and average business days to finalise



Small Bar

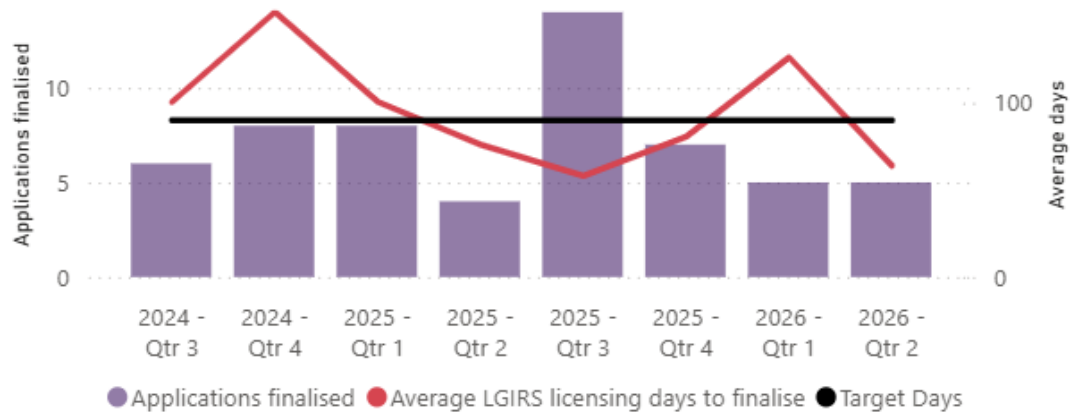
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Average 64 business days total

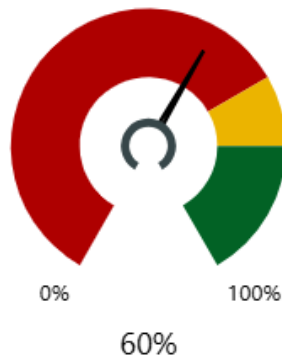
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Producers

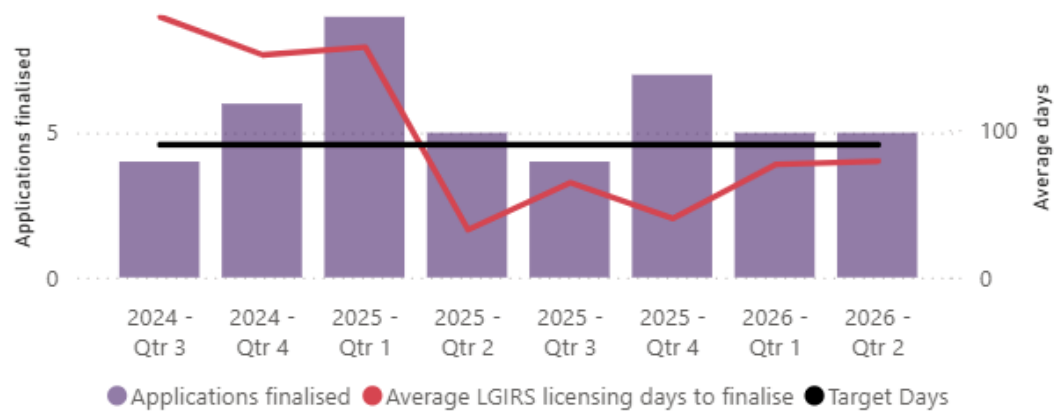
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Target 90 BD



Average 79 business days total

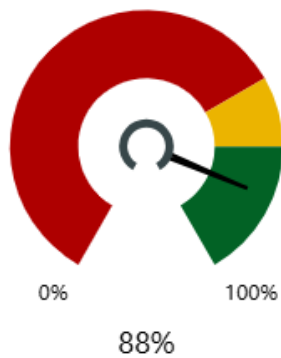
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Wholesalers

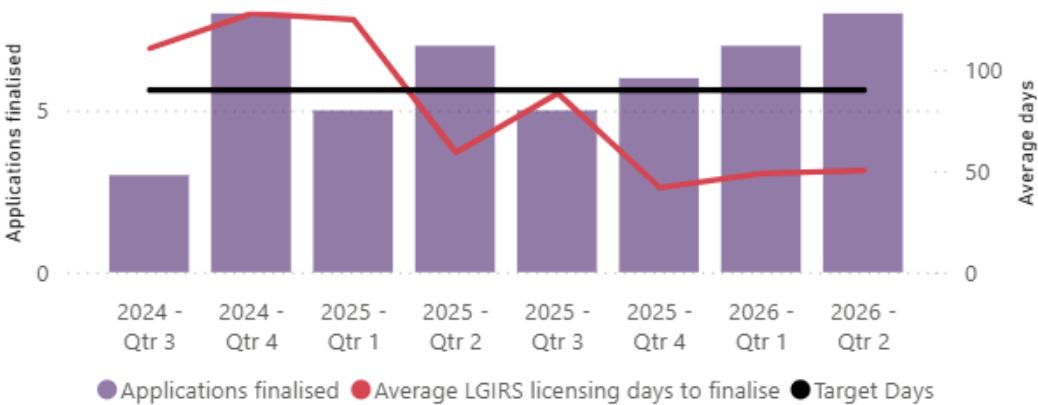
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Target 90 BD



Average 50 business days total

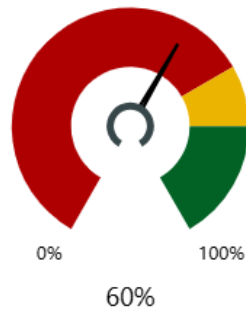
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Liquor Store

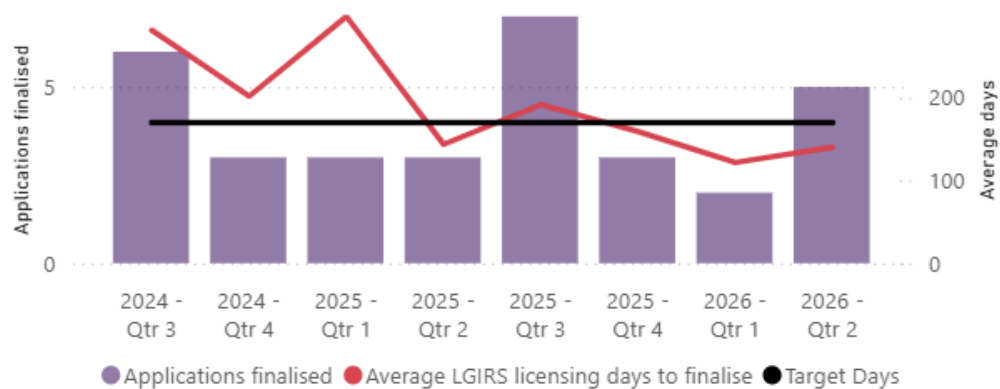
Per cent finalised within target timeline

Target 170 BD *



Average **140** business days total

Trends for finalised applications and average business days to finalise

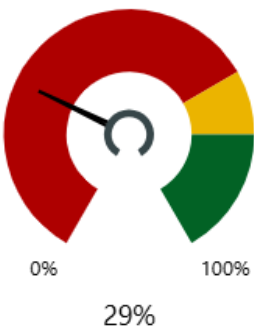


* These applications include public interest assessments and public advertising requirements. Any objections or submissions lodged during this process can affect the timeframe for making a determination. Liquor Store applications have been known to attract significant public interest.

Tavern and Tavern Restricted

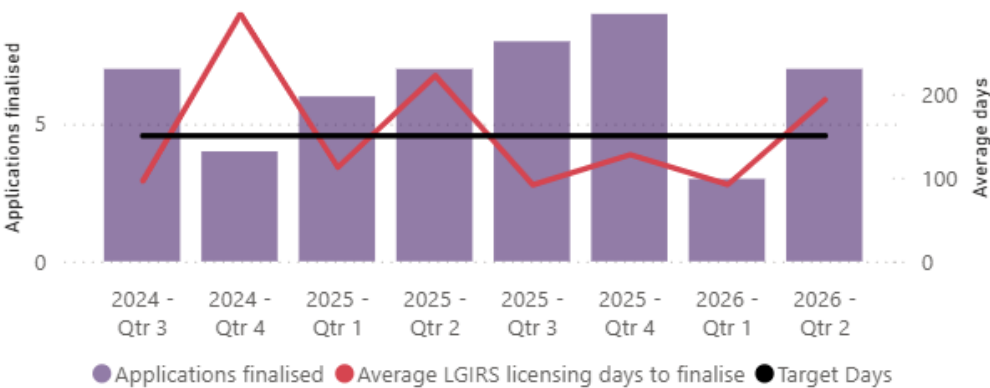
Per cent finalised within target timeline

Target 150 BD*



Average 193 days total

Trends for finalised applications and average business days to finalise

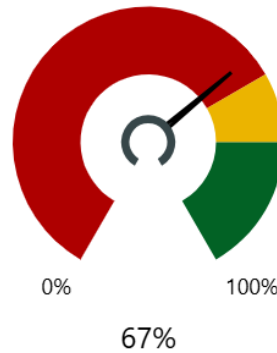


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Hotel and Hotel Restricted

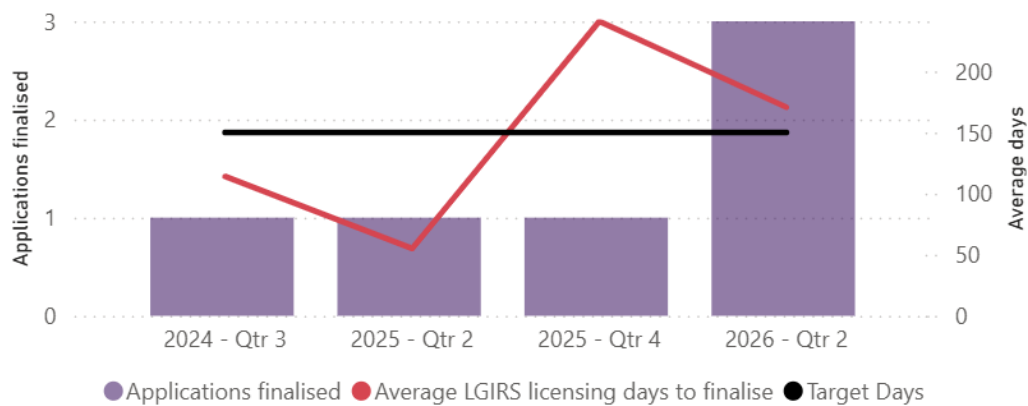
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Target 150 BD*



Average 171 days total

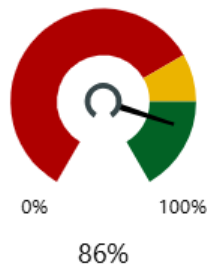
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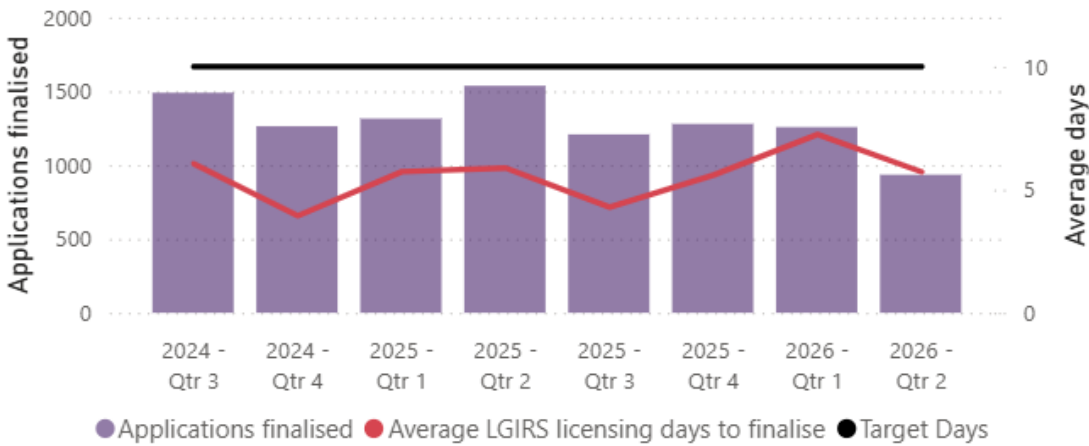
New Approved Managers

Per cent finalised within target timeline
Target 10 BD



Average 6 business days total

Trends for finalised applications and average business days to finalise



Note: Approved Manager applicants may act in the role from the date the application is lodged. These applications are usually determined within two weeks, provided that the application is complete. Applications that require an assessment of the persons criminal history may take longer to finalise.

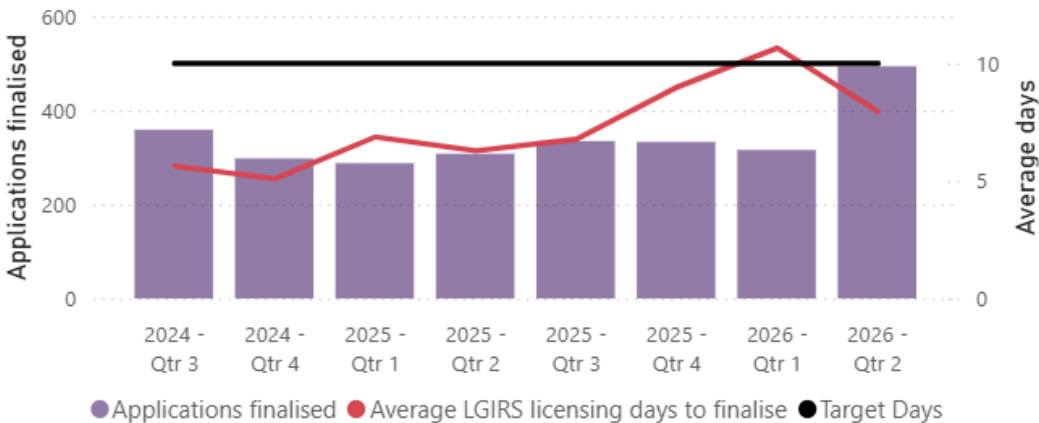
Approved Managers Renewals

Per cent finalised within target timeline
Target 10 BD



Average 8 business days total

Trends for finalised applications and average business days to finalise



Licence Holders as at 30 June 2026

Restaurant

• Restaurant	1,178
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Small Bar

• Small Bar	299
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Producers

• Producers	556
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Wholesalers

• Wholesalers	310
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Liquor Store

• Liquor Store	705
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Tavern and Tavern Restricted

• Tavern	473
• Tavern Restricted	209

Hotel and Hotel Restricted

• Hotel	259
• Hotel Restricted	78

Approved Managers

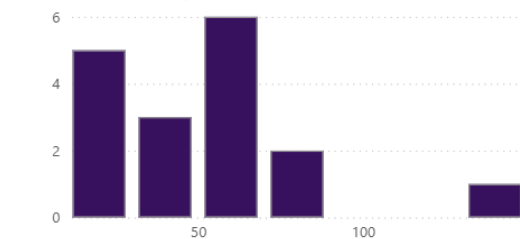
• Restricted Approved Managers	2,211
• Unrestricted Approved Managers	32,857

Licence types not included in this report

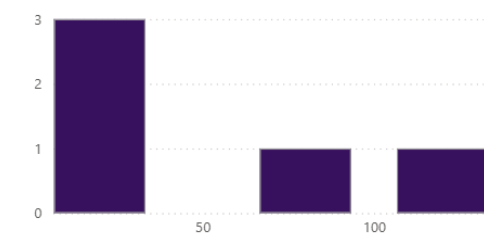
• Casino	1
• Nightclub	35
• Club	391
• Club Restricted	613
• Special Facility Licences (all)	662

Distribution of business days to finalise applications – Q2 2026

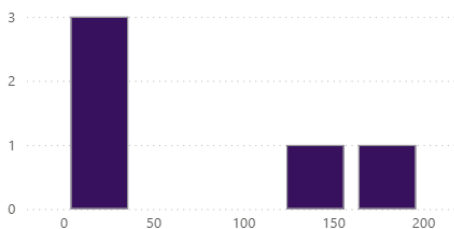
Restaurant



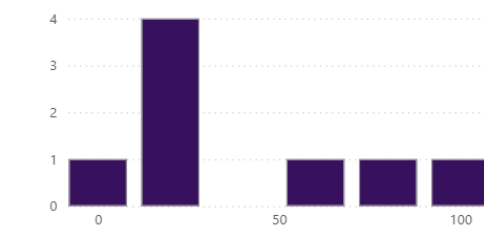
Small Bar



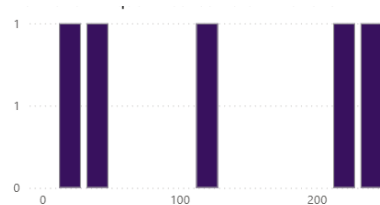
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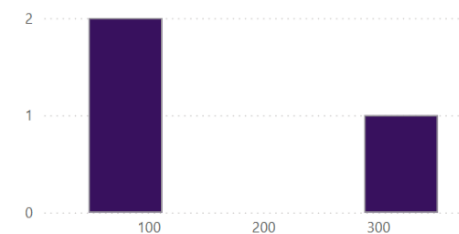
Wholesalers



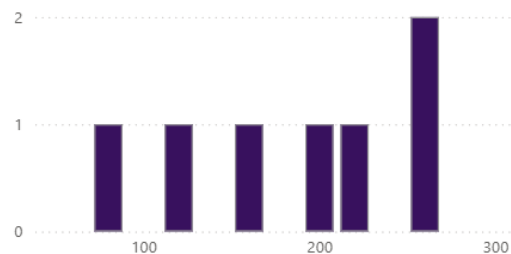
Liquor Store



Hotel and Hotel Restricted



Tavern and Tavern Restricted



Approved Managers

